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SUBJ: CONTROVERSY ON STORAGE OF US-ORIGIN TOXIC CHEMICALS

1. CONTROVERSY WITH POLITICAL OVERTONES HAS ARISEN IN  
CONNECTION WITH THE SUBTERRANEAN STORAGE IN NORTHEASTERN  
HESSE OF ALLEGEDLY HIGHLY TOXIC CHEMICAL PRODUCTS FROM  
THE U.S.

2. THE ISSUE IS THE STORAGE OF 250 TONS OF KEPONE WHICH,  
ACCORDING TO OUR INFORMATION, IS AN INSECTICIDE  
PRODUCED BY ALLIED CHEMICAL CORPORATION  
NEW JERSEY IN A DEEP SUBTERRANEAN STORAGE FACILITY  
FOR CHEMICAL WASTES AND PRODUCTS OPERATED BY  
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KALI UND SALZ A.G., A PRIVATE CONCERN  
AT HERFA-NEURODE, VERY CLOSE TO THE BORDER WITH THE  
GDR. THE INITIAL SHIPMENT OF 98 BARRELS OF A TOTAL OF  
950 BARRELS TO COME FROM THE U.S. ARRIVED AT THE  
STORAGE SITE ON AUGUST 10.  
OTHER SHIPMENTS ARE TO FOLLOW. THE STORAGE SITE IN  
QUESTION IS IN SALT DOMES 700 METERS UNDER THE SURFACE

AND ALREADY ACCOMMODATES ABOUT 160,000 TONS OF  
CHEMICAL WASTE WITH CONSIDERABLE ROOM FOR A GREAT DEAL  
MORE.

3. WHILE PERCOLATING FOR SEVERAL WEEKS THE SUBJECT HIT  
THE HEADLINES WITH THE PUBLICATION IN THE AUGUST 10  
ISSUE OF QUICK MAGAZINE OF A HIGHLY SENSATIONAL AND  
CRITICAL ARTICLE ON THE STORAGE FACILITY AND ESPECIALLY  
ITS PLANS TO STORE THE KEPONE FROM ALLIED CHEMICAL.  
PROTESTS FROM ENVIRONMENTALISTS HAVE BEEN DIRECTED  
AT THE HESSE STATE GOVERNMENT WHICH HAS APPROVED NOT  
ONLY THE STORAGE FACILITY BUT APPROVES EACH INDIVIDUAL  
PROPOSAL FOR UTILIZING IT, SUCH AS THE ONE FOR THE  
ALLIED CHEMICAL-ORIGIN MATERIAL. IN ADDITION THE  
CDU IN THE FORM OF BUNDESTAG DEPUTY RICHARD BAYHA  
HAS APPARENTLY BEEN UNABLE TO RESIST THE TEMPTATION  
TO EXPLOIT THE MATTER IN AN EFFORT TO EMBARRASS THE  
SPD LED HESSIAN STATE GOVERNMENT AND ESPECIALLY THE  
SOCIAL DEMOCRAT MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE AND  
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION WILLI GORLACH WHO IS RESPONSIBLE  
FOR GOVERNMENTAL SUPERVISION OF THE STORAGE FACILITIES.

4. GORLACH'S MINISTRY FOR ITS PART HAS CHARGED THAT THE  
QUICK MAGIAZINE HAS ALSO POINTED OUT THAT APPROVAL FOR  
STORAGE OF ALLIED CHEMICAL'S PRODUCT WAS GIVEN ONLY AFTER  
THE SAME STRINGENT CONTROL AND PERMIT PROCEDURES APPLIED  
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TO OTHER PRODUCTS STORED IN THIS FACILITY, THAT KEPONE IS  
NO MORE AND NO LESS DANGEROUS THAN OTHER CHEMICALS  
ALREADY STORED THERE, THAT THE FACILITY IN NORTHEASTERN  
HESSE IS UNIQUE IN THE WORLD AND IS CONSIDERED THE  
SAFEST LOCATION ANY WHERE FOR THE STORAGE OF DANGEROUS  
CHEMICAL WASTE PRODUCTS. LEHMANN

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